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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

ACCORDING TO MURREY MARDER, BOTH THE U.S. AND NORTH VIETNAM HAVE
BACKED AWAY FROM THEIR MOST EXTREME DEMANDS AND ARE NOW BARGAIN-
ING GILDLY AND TOUGHLY ON THE CENTRAL OBSTACLES THAT BLOCKED A
PEACE ACCORD BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS COLLAPSED LAST MONTH. MARDER
CLAIMS THAT THE KEY BARRIER TO AN ACCORD IS WHETHER THERE WILL
BE A FIRM, IMPENETRABLE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN THE NORTH AND
SOUTH, OR WHAT AMOUNTS TO A "POROUS" DEMILITARIZED ZONE BETWEEN
THE TWO SIDES. (A-1)

MICHAEL GETLER NOTES THAT ADMIRAL MOORER YESTERDAY SAID TO NEWSMEN THAT THE 12-DAY RAIDS LAST MONTH AGAINST "MILITARY TARGETS" AROUND HANOI AND HAIPHONG WERE "VERY EFFECTIVE" IN REDUCING NORTH VIETNAM'S "WAR-MAKING POTENTIAL." (A-1)

JONATHAN RANDAL DESCRIBES THE CURRENT PEACE TALKS IN PARIS AS ICY AND NOTES THAT BOTH SIDES TRADED SNUBS. (A-1)

DUSKO DODER ASSERTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS COMPLETED A MASSIVE ARMS AIRLIFT TO SYRIA. THE TWO-MONTH AIRLIFT BY MORE THAN 40 SOVIET TRANSPORTS WAS COMPLETED IN DECEMBER. (A-16)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

YESTERDAY'S NEGOTIATING SESSION IS REPORTED IN TODAY'S TIMES. AFTER YOUR REPORTED FIVE AND ONE-HALF HOUR SESSION, THERE IS STILL NO INDICATION OF WHAT HAPPENED. (A-3)

CIA DIRECTOR HELMS REPORTEDLY TOLD CONGRESS THAT CHINA MAY BE APPROACHING THE STATUS OF "SUPER POWER" BECAUSE OF ADVANCES IN WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY. HIS STATEMENT CAME TO LIGHT AFTER A SESSION OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE. SENATOR SYMINGTON, WHEN SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN, REFERRED TO MR. HELMS' TESTIMONY.

NORTH VIETNAM HAS ORDERED NEW MILITARY AND ECONOMIC MEASURES TO DEFEND AGAINST RENEWED BOMBING OF HANOI AND HAIPHONG, SAYING THAT THE RESUMED PARIS PEACE TALKS ARE UNLIKELY TO PRODUCE PEACE. THE PESSIMISTIC ATTITUDE WAS REPORTED IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER, NHAN DAN. (A-3)

IN VIENTIANE. WITH COMMUNIST FORCES ON THE OFFENSIVE IN SEVERAL KEY PARTS OF LAOS, THE HOPES FOR A PEACE SETTLEMENT IN LAOS APPEARED TO HAVE RECEDED. A LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL STATED THAT EVEN IF HANOI AND WASHINGTON REACH AN AGREEMENT, IT WILL NOT NECESSARILY DO ANY GOOD IN LAOS. (A-4)

JAMES RESTON DISCUSSES THE CONFUSION THAT CONFRONTS THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THE OBLIGATIONS HE HAS WITH THE CONGRESS AND THE PEOPLE WITH RESPECT TO THE BOMBING. RESTON CONTENDS THAT THE PRESIDENT'S ASSUMPTION THAT HE MAY BOMB AS HE PLEASES, WITHOUT SUPPORT FROM THE CONGRESS AND THE PEOPLE, SHOULD BE REBUKED.

THE BALTIMORE SUN

YOU AND LE DUC THO MET FOR SIX HOURS IN THE SECOND SESSION OF THE RENEWED PEACE TALKS; SOME OBSERVERS DETECTED A SLIGHT THAW, BUT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE SAID RELATIONS REMAIN GLACIAL. (A-1)

NORTH VIETNAM SAID THE PARIS NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNLIKELY TO PRODUCE PEACE AND ORDERED NEW MILITARY AND ECONOMIC MEASURES TO DEAL WITH ANY RENEWED BOMBING OF HANOI AND HAIPHONG. (A-1)

JOHN WOODRUFF NOTES THAT HANOI CHARGED THAT THE U.S. IS TRYING TO FRIGHTEN IT INTO SIGNING AN AGREEMENT ON AMERICAN TERMS AND SAID THAT WASHINGTON MUST GIVE GROUND IF A SETTLEMENT IS TO BE REACHED. (A-2)

THE STATE DEPARTMENT REAFFIRMED U.S. INTEREST IN A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT AND CHARACTERIZED SADAT'S REPORTED LOSS OF "PATIENCE" WITH U.S. PEACE EFFORTS AS, IF TRUE, A "MATTER OF REGRET."